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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated March 7, 2006, setting forth a three-month shortened statutory period for response to expire on June 7, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Response.
Remarks begin on page 5 of this Response.